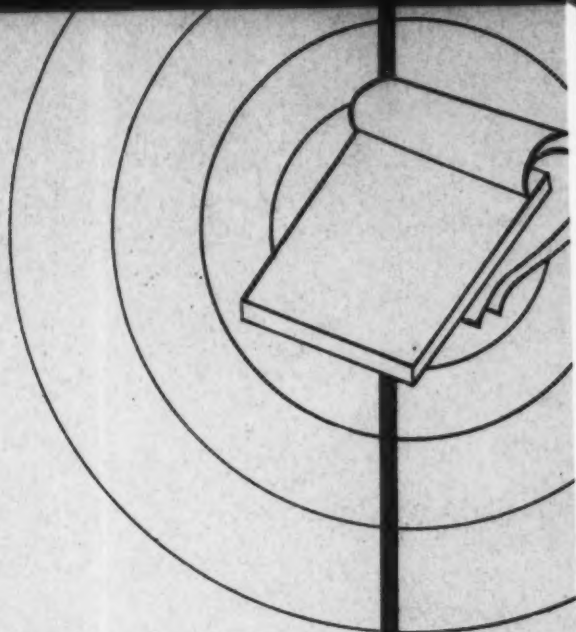


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| WE KNOW our organization has the support of educators who are familiar with our aims. | for membership in our own professional association. |
| WE KNOW we derive pleasure from contacts with others who pursue the same professional ideals. | WE KNOW our official publication is an excellen channel for distributing information. |
| WE KNOW It is desirable to associate so we may attain our goals by combined professional effort. | WE KNOW our association provides a mechanism for investigating common interest and for expressing professional opinion upon important matters. |
| WE KNOW we are provided opportunities to broaden our professional outlook by frequent contact with people with similar educational interests with common problems. | WE KNOW our local and national meetings afford unrivalled means for extending acquaintanceship and thereby increasing opportunities for professional growth. |
| WE KNOW the comparative isolation in our scattered group provides a strong argument | WE KNOW the extent to which our association can act for us obviously depends upon the extent to which it actually represents our group. |

YOUTH AND TOMORROW

An Address Delivered at the National Association of School Secretaries, Tuesday, July 4, 1939, 2:30 P. M.

By JAMES ROOSEVELT

Most of you whose work in life is associated with the profession of teaching must keep an eye on the world of tomorrow, for those whom you train will live in the world of tomorrow—and to some will come the responsibility of leading its destinies.

It would not be surprising if the parents, the teachers, and the older sisters and brothers felt that the lot of Fred, Jr. was somewhat dubious. We have but to read our daily newspapers and listen to our radios to have forced upon us the vast difficulties with which the world and our country are faced. It is only a "Pollyanna" who would pretend that life for any young man or woman holds a golden and assured future. I, for one, would like to emphasize always, rather than to underestimate, the difficulties which we, as members of society and of civilization, face from day to day.

We know that the wonders of science, the speed of transportation and communications, the almost complete disappearance of great uninhabited lands have brought an improved standard of living—but only at the expense of an unbalanced economic status. Neither we in this country, nor those in any country in the world today have thoroughly solved the problem of maintaining the standard of living and, at the same time, providing useful occupations for those desirous and eligible to work. No one has solved the problem of how the "Have-Not Nations" can live in economic security with the "Have Nations". And so we have the threat of war, both actual and economic ever present with us.

This may seem to be a discouraging picture for Fred, Jr.'s mother. But to him it might—if he had the stuff and were properly trained—be a challenge of absorbing interest and inspiration. For I believe that we, as a nation, are

not afraid to face the facts, but on the contrary regard them as a challenge to our ability and resources.

And so, emphasizing that I do not wish in any way to blind ourselves to our difficulties, I would like this afternoon to survey with you a few of the things which give to us here in the United States great reason for encouragement and for thanksgiving that we reside in the Sovereign and Independent United States of America. If it were not for the blessing which we, almost alone among the great nations of the world possess, the future of our young people would not indeed present the hopeful picture it really does.

In the first place, all boys and girls in our country are as sure today as they ever were that if they have an honorable opinion on any subject, they are free to voice it and to work for it, whether or not the majority of the people agree with them. In what other country may the individual read—without fear of confiscation or threat or reprisal—the reports of world, national, personal, and political activities without threat of censorship of any kind? In no other great country is the radio uncensored and free of dictation from the central government.

We hear from the beginning of our youth so much about the freedom of the press, freedom of speech and religious liberty, inherent as they are in our fundamental rights, that we may perhaps take these things too much for granted. I would like to make sure that every boy and girl appreciates almost from the very beginning that these things are a priceless heritage, but a heritage easy to lose and requiring constant vigilance and support. But to have this support, first there must be an appreciation of the rare quality which

they symbolize throughout the world and the great fortune which is ours in knowing that, as American citizens, we are assured of them.

Again, I think that it would be helpful to Fred, Jr. if he realized the value of the public education which is avail-

ence of special privilege for a chosen group? For while it is true that there are difficulties in getting a start and in finding steady employment for a young American, he knows that these difficulties are not inherent in the custom of the country and are due solely to the unbalanced conditions of its economy.

Geographically speaking, we are fortunate in knowing that we have no near antagonists on our east and west coasts. We are even more fortunate in knowing that to the north we have a neighbor with whom friendship and close harmony is rooted in centuries of unarmed peace and unshakable conviction. Likewise, to the south of us we know reside people who believe in the same ideals that we do. Like ourselves they are willing to defend their right to preserve those things and to solve their own problems at almost any cost.

We are blessed also in knowing that we are part of a young nation. Proud of our traditions, we are not yet, and hope never to be, bound by an inflexible chain. Our great Constitution was drawn up by the signers with the avowed intention that it should be able to meet the unpredictable demands of the changing tides of time. We have proven in recent years our ability to accustom ourselves to changed and new conditions, and to do so in an orderly and peaceful manner. We know that in our people lies a genius for perfection and ingenuity which has placed the products of our country at the forefront of world supplies. We know that God has blessed us with a territory vast and rich enough to provide us within our own boundaries with nearly all the necessities of life. Almost alone among the young people of the world we are not haunted by the spectre of compulsory military service. We know that we have no need nor desire to begrudge or envy the possessions of others. In short then, as young Americans we should be given the opportunity to know the basis for eliminating the fears which

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JAMES ROOSEVELT

able to every boy and girl in our country—if he knew about the institutions of higher and advanced education and learning, not limited in our country to the wealthy or the privileged. I know that personally looking back, which is always an easy thing to do, I took these things for granted. There are many things that I wish I had acquired in my college education which I let pass me by. And yet I feel sure that there are not many other places in the world where I could have enjoyed the advantages that were mine almost for the asking—advantages which today are even more increasingly available.

Can you, in a similar spirit—and not with boasting, but with thanksgiving—realize that there are few other countries where commercial, educational, political or scientific careers may be advanced without the restraining influ-

The President's Message

Do you have a job which is a means to the necessities of life or is your work a part of yourself reflecting your personality and a gracious, kindly spirit which permeates the lives of all who cross your path?

Of course, all of us must earn a salary and in many cases the salary of the secretary is a mere pittance by comparison. This summer I have had many letters . . . pathetic messages telling of salary cuts--cuts which threatened even the bare essentials of life. As deplorable as these conditions are, and realizing full well that our salaries are regrettably low in many cases, I believe that this condition can best be remedied through service--the type that wins a place in the life of the community. We must raise our standards and make our work a profession requiring specialized training and experience. We must work together on a program of service, one that will pay dividends not only in human values, but also in material returns.

Our Association has gone a long way in gaining recognition for the secretaries in the nation. We have become a definite part of the educational group. We are consulted and asked to serve on committees with the leading educators in the country. The importance of our work is being realized. We have adopted as the program for this year, "The Secretary in a Public Relations Role". You will recall, this was the topic which we used in our panel discussion in San Francisco. It is our hope that each state and local association will use this theme in their meetings for the coming year.

We are also asking each one of our members to help us promote this program in their own community by becoming an active worker in the Parent-Teachers Association, by winning a place in the heart of each child who is not adjusted to normal class room life, by

being a friend of those who need help through your office, and by creating a happy atmosphere within your office. These are just a few of the many things that will build a fine service program.

Despite all of your own personal suffering which may have been caused through drastic cuts in salary, will you still put the personal in the background and see ahead to what can be gained through national unity?

We need you and you need us.

Louise H. Henderson

HERE'S HOW THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION WORK IS CARRIED FOR 1939-40

Each Vice-President is responsible for an important phase of the work as follows:

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PROGRAM—Alma Clement, Detroit, Michigan, Vice-President in charge.

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The Editor's Message

To be selected to serve the members of the National Association of School



BELLE S. KUEHNY

Secretaries in the capacity of Editor of their Official Publication, The National

Secretary, is a compliment of which I am hardly deserving. Next to the work for which I am directly held responsible by the Los Angeles city schools, the National Association of School Secretaries is my major attention and interest. I am pleased to serve the organization in any manner possible. But, to render you the type of service you deserve and the type of service I consider adequate, I must depend upon you for help and assistance. I am not primarily an editor or even a columnist. I am a school secretary, trying to do a good job of secretarizing and at the same time do my part toward the growth and development of our National Organization. Won't you, then, help me to help you through doing your part to see that the NATIONAL SECRETARIAL ASSOCIATION membership is brought to the point advocated by our MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE and that the SECRETARY is interesting, exciting, informative, peppy and worthwhile because of the contributions you make to its columns? CAN I DEPEND ON YOU? Belle S. Kuehny

MAY WE REMIND YOU

THAT the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SECRETARIES is not a profit seeking organization—but must maintain itself thru membership support.

THAT the Executive Committee authorizes an expenditure of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS each year to assist in defraying expenses of state delegates to the annual meeting.

THAT hundreds of dollars are spent yearly for postage alone—for membership bills, magazine mailing, and miscellaneous correspondence.

THAT what we do as a professional group depends on efforts of

workers in all sections of the United States—drawn from recruits in administrator and teacher groups as well as our own ranks.

THAT WE—as individuals and as an association—NEED YOUR HELP as follows—

THAT we need EVERY MEMBER AS A MEMBERSHIP WORKER so WE MAY GROW TO THE PROPORTIONS WE MAY WELL EXPECT.

THAT PROMPT PAYMENT of your own membership fee means EVERYTHING in the smooth functioning of THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SECRETARIES.

Convention Echoes

The 1939 convention at San Francisco has come and gone, however, it is not forgotten. It has left pleasant memories of new acquaintances made and a closer relationship between the members of our organization. We, on the Pacific Coast, are very happy to have had the opportunity to meet many of our officers and members from various parts of the country, and we hope that all enjoyed their visit to the San Francisco Bay region and the Exposition.

The highlight of the convention was the luncheon at the Mart Club on July 4, and to our Southern California hostesses goes a vote of thanks for the beautiful table decorations, programs and favors. The committee in charge of this affair, under the leadership of Mrs. Florence Nelson, worked untiringly to make the tables attractive. The remarks of our guest speaker, Mr. James Roosevelt, on the subject "Youth and Tomorrow" were well chosen and showed keen interest and knowledge of conditions. His further informal talk and charming manner endeared him to all present. The addresses by Dr. Shaw, President of the N.E.A. and the other speakers were most inspiring, and made each secretary present feel proud to be a part of the educational system in our public schools. The vocal selections of Mrs. Romo Church of Portland, added a delightful touch to the luncheon.

Also of outstanding interest was the panel discussion and we wish to compliment all participants on the excellence of their essays. The sight-seeing trip sponsored by the East Bay secretaries was greatly enjoyed, even though fog obscured the view of the beautiful scenery.

We are looking forward to the prospect of meeting again at the convention in Milwaukee next summer.

Emmy L. Poulsen

Rita B. Grau

San Francisco Committee

The Alamo District of School Secretaries, San Antonio, Texas, were highly honored to have the privilege of entertaining three Delegates to the National Convention in San Francisco in July.

Louise Henderson, President, from Philadelphia; Margaret Kernan, from Salem, New Jersey, and Eunice Bounds from Wilmington, Delaware, came thru our city and spent two days with us. It was an inspiration being with them and hearing all about the wonderful meetings that were held in San Francisco, and about their travels and experiences.

We hope they enjoyed their visit with us and realize that it was just what we needed to "spur" us on in our work for the coming year.

Nita Pearce, President

Alamo District School Secretaries

PANEL DISCUSSION

I feel sure that all who attended the Panel Discussion on "The Secretary in a Public Relations Program" on July 5th during the Annual Convention at San Francisco, couldn't help but feel the outstanding professional atmosphere. The meeting was very well attended with a number of principals and teachers as well as secretaries. It was indeed an inspiration to everyone in attendance.

Under the general heading of "The Secretary in a Public Relations Program" the following sub-topics comprised the papers which were given:

1. Co-ordinating Community Agencies in Meeting the Needs of the Children and Promoting Community Living.
2. Interpreting Administrative Policies to teachers.
3. Interpreting Administrative policies to the Public.
4. Assisting Pupils to Develop Integrating Personalities.

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Greetings From the N. E. A.

By AMY H. HINRICHS
President of the N. E. A.

It is a pleasure to greet the members of the National Association of School Secretaries.

Your work is of vital importance in our school systems. It would be an interesting and significant scientific ex-

periment to try to find out the sum total of brain power that you have conserved and released for application to constructive educational thought! The officials and the schools that are fortunate enough to have your capable, efficient, morale-strengthening services have numerous routine tasks and many a vexing problem automatically cared for. Thus the undisturbed attention of the educator can be directed to truly educational problems. Thus wear and tear on official dispositions is kept at a minimum. Thus the atmosphere is often cleared. Thus the educational machinery

is kept running smoothly and so functioning effectively.

May the day be not far distant when every school will have a secretary, a secretary with general educational qualifications equal to those required of the beginning teacher and of course with first-rate technical training. Your organization is doing valuable service in professionalizing the position of school secretary.

I wish for all members of your association in the school session 1939-40 happiness and satisfaction in your work and in all the other phases of your life. Great will be your happiness and well-founded your pride of accomplishment if they are in proportion to the great value of the service you are rendering.



AMY H. HINRICHS

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You will be interested to know that the University of Pennsylvania, one of the nation's leading universities has inaugurated a four year course offering a B. S. degree which is training particularly for secretarial work on the school systems of the country. This course was started at the request of Pennsylvania's State Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Lester K. Ade. You will recall, Dr. Ade spoke at one of our conventions and was very much interested in the progress of our Association. We discussed with Dr. Ade the possibility of having a course started at the University of Pennsylvania and he was delighted with the idea and urged the University to sponsor it.

Classes will begin in October. This will be open for secretaries now in the field as well as for those preparing to enter school work.

Report of Election Committee

By ALICE TEEGARDEN, Chairman

(Editor's Note: One of the few sad notes of the San Francisco convention was the absence of Alice Teegarden, treasurer, and chairman of the election committee. Alice has been one of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELEN DEAN, PORTLAND, ORE.
CON, TERM 1939-41.

KATHERINE MITCHELL, PITTS-
BURGH, PA., TERM, 1939-41.

The amendment changing the number of vice-presidents from one to three was carried.

Alice Teegarden
Election Committee



ALICE TEEGARDEN

most loyal workers in our organization from the beginning, and this was the first convention she has ever missed. We all missed you in San Francisco, Alice.)

REPORT OF ELECTION COMMITTEE VICE PRESIDENTS

ALMA CLEMENTS, DETROIT,
MICHIGAN, TERM 1939-40.

VIRGINIA HALSEY, Monclair, N. J.,
Term 1939-41.

MARGARET KERNAN, Salem, N. J.,
Term 1939-41.

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If you desire any information relative to the organization of the National Association of School Secretaries or any of its activities, kindly address your inquiry to me. I shall endeavor to answer your question or refer it to the proper person if I am unable to do so.

EUNICE C. BOUNDS,
Board of Education,
Wilmington, Delaware.

New Vice-Presidents

When the results of the elections were read on Thursday morning, July 6, at the San Francisco convention, there were just two new names appearing in your board of officers.

They were Alma Clement and Virginia Halsey, and they were both elected to fill vice-president's posts.

Alma is president of the Secretarial Association in Detroit, Michigan. She has been very active in this organization and her experience there will help

at the convention that the two new vice-presidents were excellently qualified to fill the important jobs to which they had been elected. Great things are expected of both.



ALMA CLEMENT

her in her new important position. In the National Association she will have charge of programs.

Virginia comes from New Jersey, where she is president of the state organization. Her home is in Montclair. In her new position Virginia will direct the membership work for the National Association.

It was the unanimous opinion of all



VIRGINIA HALSEY

WORTH REMEMBERING

The great merchant, Marshall Field, once made a list of "Twelve Things to Remember." Here it is:

- The value of time
- The success of perseverance
- The pleasure of working
- The dignity of simplicity
- The worth of character
- The power of kindness
- The influence of example
- The obligation of duty
- The wisdom of economy
- The virtue of patience
- The improvement of talent
- The joy of originating

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MARGARET V. KERNAN

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Margaret V. Kernan
Vice-President and Advertising Mgr.
NATIONAL SECRETARY
Board of Education, Salem, New Jersey

LISTENING IN

Dear fellow members:

At the beginning of another busy year, we pause to send greetings to all, hoping that the summer has brought its share of rest and recreation to each and every one so that the duties of the coming year may be taken up with renewed zest and enthusiasm.

As this number of the Secretary will be largely taken up with news of the Convention we shall try to bring you the usual amount of items from near and far, but hope that each one of you who reads this will send in, at any time during the year, anything which will be of interest to our members. By letting others know what is being done in the local associations we can all glean new ideas which will be mutually helpful.

May each one of us strive this year to strengthen our bonds of friendship and fellowship in the service of the schools of which we are all a part, and widen our sphere of activity and influence in every possible way.

FLORENCE R. STUBBS,
Secretary,
North High School,
Denver, Colorado.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On the evening of June 9, the Secretarial Association of the Los Angeles City Schools held a dinner at the City College for all of the "bosses" of the members. It was also a birthday dinner and the installation of the new officers was held at this time. Those who will lead this busy group during the coming year are Dorothy Dolberg, President; Evelyn Corbett, Vice-President; Betty Wells, Recording Secretary; Rebecca Burstein, Corresponding Secretary; Eleanor Clements, Auditor; Members-at-large. Faye Bloomquist, Bernice Caldwell, and Helen Sprague. For ten years now this association has been in existence and our congratulations are extended at this time with the wish that they may continue to be

pace-makers for many others in pointing the way for the growth and advancement or all who are engaged in secretarial work.

The success of the luncheon in San Francisco during the convention was largely due to the Los Angeles Secretarial Association as they made and carried out the plans for this affair. All who attended felt that it was one of the most outstanding meetings ever held by the National Association.

OHIO NOTES

Meeting of the School Secretaries Section, Central Ohio Teachers' Association.

Luncheon Meeting—Gold Room, Hotel Van Cleve, Dayton, Ohio. 12:15 Friday, October 27, 1939.

Speaker—Mr. W. E. Harbottle, President, Miami-Jacobs Business College, Dayton, Ohio.

Chairman—Mildred Woodall King, Dayton, Ohio.

Vice-Chairman—Margaret Neeld, Central High School, Xenia, Ohio.

Secretary—Ida Traux, Board of Education, Columbus, Ohio.

ALENE JOHNSON RESIGNS

The Association has lost a valuable member through the resignation of Alene Johnson of San Antonio, Texas. She left the employ of the San Antonio Board of Education to take a position with the Government at Fort Sam Houston. During the time Alene was a member of the National Association of School Secretaries she was an enthusiastic and capable worker in the interest of not only the National but the Texas Association and the Alamo District Association as well, having served as Business Manager of the National Secretary, member of the Executive Committee of the State, and President of the Alamo District Association. By

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PANEL DISCUSSION

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5. The Value of the Secretary to Publicize Informally the work of the Parent-Teacher Organization.

6. Civic and Social Participation in the Life of the Community.

7. Building Good will Through Each Office Contact.

The meeting was opened by our presi-

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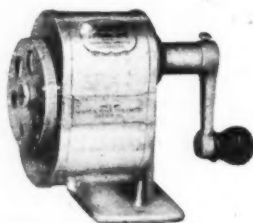
dent, Miss Louise Henderson, who after her greeting, turned the meeting over to Mr. D. Willard Zahn, Principal, Vaux Junior High School, Philadelphia, as discussion leader.

It was pointed out that the efficient secretary must (1) learn policies, (2) think in terms of policies, (3) see need of interpretation, (4) know values, (5) establish friendly relations, (6) act confidently and develop confidence. The secretary must "know all things, see all things, but—tell only the right things!"

"Whether we like it or not public approval is necessary." We have to see the point of view of the taxpayers. The school secretary is expected to be more than an "animated typewriter or an information bureau," she is the "guardian at the gate."

Our jobs were pointed out as an adventure in "child understanding." "All-aroundness" of the job was stressed in that the secretary becomes even the "unofficial adviser to the lovelorn" as well as an "educational chore woman."

The National President of the Congress of Parent-Teachers emphasized the opportunities we have for publicizing informally the work of that great organization. "To the parents the secretary represents adequately the administration of the school, she is the common denominator of school-public contact."



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Mr. Dugdale, Superintendent of Schools, Portland, Oregon, was asked what he considered the most important qualifications for the professional secretary. On the spur of the moment he listed, (1) ability to do the mechanics of the job, (2) desire and ability to assume responsibility, (3) loyalty, tact, and some initiative, as being of fundamental importance. He added parenthetically that examinations were not too reliable in measuring many of these personal factors.

Mr. Nusbaum, Associate Superintendent of Schools, Philadelphia, Pa.,

pointed out that the secretary-superior relationship was not one-sided; but rather a reciprocal relationship; there are obligations on the part of the principal or superintendent which are contributing factors to the development of proper understanding. With this thought of mutual appreciation and consideration and best wishes for the future of our organization, Mr. Zahn closed the meeting.

FASHIONS OF SPEECH

This language called English is puzzling indeed.

In spite of all rules, of advice we have need.

The plural of fox we are told is foxes, Yet the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes. The plural of man, of course, is men; Then why isn't more than one fan called fen?

We classify pronouns as he, his, and him,

But who would dare say she, sh's, and shim?

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LISTENING IN

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her unselfish service she gained the confidence, admiration, and love of members of all three mentioned organizations. She will be greatly missed from the secretarial ranks but she carries with her the affectionate good-will of all those who have known her.

Louise H. Henderson

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On Tuesday evening, June 13, the Milwaukee School Secretaries Association had a dinner at Smith Brothers Fish Shanty, Port Washington. At this time the announcement was made of the new officers for the year 1939-40, but we are unable to give you the names at this time, as the last News letter published by this group came out just before the close of school. As the next meeting of the National Educational As-

sociation will be held in Milwaukee in 1940, the Milwaukee secretaries will have a busy year preparing for this big event. We understand they are already starting preparations and we know that they are more than equal to the task set for them.

An item of interest to all school secretaries appeared in the last News Letter of this group and it gives us all something to think about and work for. "According to a survey made by the New Jersey Association of School Secretaries showing the salaries, ages, and years of experience of 934 Board of Education clerical employees, the salaries range from \$400 to \$3600 per year, with an average salary of \$1231; the ages range from 17 to 67 years, with the average age at 30 years; the years of experience range from none to 40 years, with the average at 8 years. New Jersey, as a state group, is working to secure pensions for secretaries and clerks."

MAINE SCHOOL SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION

This enterprising association, though small, is certainly up and coming for they issued one of their bulletins in August and it contains some timely suggestions which we are going to pass on to you.

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nothing about—forget it.

6. Do not expect perfection in anything. Nothing in the world can possibly be perfect. Do not expect perfection for yourself, for other people, or for anything at all.

DENVER, COLORADO

The only meeting held during the summer by the Clerks and Secretaries Association of the Denver Public Schools was the annual picnic which took place in June the Thursday of the week after school closed. The place was in the Mountain Parks near Denver where about fifty of the members betook themselves about five o'clock. A grand mountain-top location had been selected by the picnic committee, but had to be abandoned because of a terrific wind and dust storm which came up during the afternoon. It was a great disappointment to those who had looked forward to a camp-fire following the cooking of the hamburgers. But a fire in that location was out of the question, so the next best thing was to find a shelter

house where a fire could be built. After some scouring around this was found in nearby Bergen Park and the supper was soon under way. A happy, informal time was had by those who came, and the committee, headed by Dorothy Alexander as chairman, is to be commended for a most successful evening in the face of difficulties.

The new officers of this group, under the guidance of Mrs. Doris Eonar, president, are planning for the year's activities, and all are looking forward to an interesting season.

WASHINGTON D. C.

From the Secretarial Association, District of Columbia Public Schools comes news of the June Dinner held at the Kenwood Country Club on the evening of June 19. We hear that this was a most enjoyable and successful affair, with Miss Louise Henderson, President of the National Association of School Secretaries in attendance and Mr. Earl Goodwin as the guest speaker. A skit by local members was a part of the en-

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tainment and the newly elected officers were presented to the group. They are as follows: Catherine Crawley, President; Olive Daniel, Vice-President; Lucy Voris, Secretary, and Margaret Miller, Treasurer. The committee with Geraldine Judy as Chairman is deserving of much credit for arranging such a very happy evening for those who attended.

LOUISIANA

In entering the third year of organization, the LASSies—otherwise known as members of the Louisiana Association of School Secretaries—have their feet squarely upon the ground and their eyes focused upon a goal which they shall ultimately achieve. We have been concentrating our efforts upon the ideal of Service to the School and to the Community, and to keep constantly before our members the realization that service to others will take us further along the road to individual happiness than will any other phase of our employment. Gradually, we shall put more effort

into securing the material objectives which we feel will be transcribed into professional standing for our members. We already have retirement but tenure for school secretaries of Louisiana and salary schedules are not yet in sight.

At our meeting in Alexandria, during the third week of November we shall discuss future plans concerning our efforts to secure tenure. Our State President, Mrs. Fairy McBride, secretary to the President of the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute at Ruston, will preside. Mrs. McBride has been a deeply interested member ever since the first State meeting held in Shreveport in 1937 and will bring to our discussions a purposeful and sincere outlook.

OFFICERS' VISIT

It was a hot summer day when Louise Henderson, Eunice Bounds and Peg Kernan found their way to New Orleans. Undaunted, Louise and Eunice made ready for a tour of the Vieux Carre and for an hour or more they "did" the Vieux Carre in true tourist style. Walking, however, was not comfortable and not even the cool shadows of the St. Louis Cathedral or the graceful archways of the Cabildo could tempt them further, so off they went to the air conditioned charms of the Roosevelt to prepare for their departure on the Steamer Dixie going to New York. How we wished we might have joined these seasoned travelers who, by this time, had almost finished their circle tour. Peg Kernan remained for two days longer, and after a glorious weekend of entertainment, accepted our invitation to see the Vieux Carre by day (by this time she knew well what it was like by night) and so, with Ira Fick, President of the New Orleans Unit, Harriet Muntz, and Adele Kansas Gordon, Peg was escorted through a tour of the famous old New Orleans. We were joined by Peg Talbot and Anne Wood of the New Jersey teachers' group. The late afternoon found us on famous Rue Royale, in the Patio Royal, and over a Frenchman's cup we bid Peg a fond farewell.

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And so the 24th of June found us on our way. A delicious luncheon at the famous Banff Springs Hotel, an overnight stop at beautiful Lake Louise, two days of travel through the grandeur and magnificence of the Canadian Rockies, an opportunity to visit the many Spode and Wedgewood shops in Victoria, a view of majestic Mt. Rainier and the breathtaking beauty of Crater Lake—these were among the many glorious experiences enjoyed by the group.

And then San Francisco which in itself offers many interesting diversions and we attempted to crowd all this plus the convention and the fair into seven short days.

The convention itself offered much to the secretaries—from the reception on

Sunday at headquarters when the convention formally opened to the business meeting on Thursday afternoon there was something interesting and worth while planned for practically every minute.

As usual the luncheon was the highlight of the convention. The Los Angeles secretaries were in charge and a Mexican motif was used for the unusual decorations and programs. Greetings were extended by the president of the N. E. A., the president of the American Association of School Administrators and the superintendent of schools in San Francisco. Mr. James Roosevelt was the principal speaker and chose for his subject "Youth and Tomorrow". His talk was broadcast on a coast-to-coast network.

And the panel discussion on Wednesday in which many of our own secretaries presented papers was a most professional and stimulating meeting.

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administrative offices. In these groups it was possible to discuss more concretely the problems affecting these particular groups and much was gained from them.

At the business meeting the plan of affiliation of local and state associations with the National Association was adopted. When properly functioning this will bring about a closer relationship between the state and national organizations which should prove mutually beneficial.

The San Francisco and East Bay girls arranged several delightful excursions—the East Bay girls took us on a tour of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, etc. Monday evening a dinner was arranged at the famous Monaco Restaurant. Here we enjoyed an Italian dinner and an entertaining floor show. Another night we were treated to a Chinese dinner and an entertaining floor show. Another night we were treated to a Chinese dinner and a tour of Chinatown. Several

of the San Francisco girls took small groups on various interesting trips—we were fortunate enough to have a trip down the peninsula along the newly constructed ocean drive and a visit to the lovely Stanford Memorial Chapel at Palo Alto.

The group assembled was smaller than at previous conventions due to the prohibitive distance—in fact, we were amazed to learn that some of the secretaries within the state of California traveled 500 miles to attend. But among those present there was a definite sense of pride in the recognition that has come to the Association, a sincere appreciation of the efforts of our able leader, Louise Henderson, through whose efforts much of this has been attained, and an enthusiastic desire to aid in the further progress of the association.

After the delightful week in the convention city, we soon found that more wonderful things were to unfold as we continued on our trip toward home. The trip through Yosemite and the Mariposa Forest was truly a lesson in geography “standing on its hind feet”, as the saying goes. Then on to a boat which sailed away to romantic Santa Catalina Island where you are greeted with soft music of colorful troubadours. Back to Los Angeles for a trip through the movie kingdom seeing studios, movie stars' homes in the beautiful cities surrounding Los Angeles. (We are sorry to report that we did not see any movie stars around their homes, but we did see Jane Withers' wash hanging on the line.) The afternoon of this same day we were the guests of the charming and gracious secretaries of Pasadena, who took us to see the beautiful Huntington Hotel, the famous Huntington Library in San Marino and the equally famous Rose Bowl, ending the afternoon at a delightful tea. Mr. James Roosevelt provided guides to show us his studios. He personally greeted each one and arranged for us to visit 20th Century Fox. Here the group di-

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ited the tomb of Buffalo Bill and the Memorial Museum where you can view the personal belongings of Buffalo Bill. A return trip is made through the spectacular Bear Creek Canyon, passing through the Red Rocks Park, formation of brilliant rocks caused by upheavals of Dakota Sandstone, which have been weathered through the centuries into countless fantastic forms. Our train then sped on through the rich farmland of Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois to Chicago. As we neared our home we felt we could plan vacations for the next ten years to spots where we would have liked to linger longer.

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al Association of School Secretaries is meeting in conjunction with the American Association of School Administrators in St. Louis on that date. Even though you live in a distant state, this message is for you because if you cannot be there yourself, your superintendent or principal can represent you at both the reception which will be given by our Association to the school administrators on Saturday evening, February 24, and at the luncheon on Sunday. Both affairs will be held at the Statler Hotel. There is no charge for administrators at the reception. There will be an approximate charge of \$1.50 for the luncheon. Perhaps you or your Association would like to send one or more representatives to this outstanding meeting. "The Spirit of St. Louis" will fly over the reception, and the luncheon will be an eventful achievement. Further details will be sent you later. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Mayfair Hotel for our members. We urge you to make your reservation immediately, mentioning that you are a member of the National Association of School Secretaries. The Mayfair is a very attractive, modern hotel, located directly opposite the Statler which is the headquarters for the whole convention. Rooms are very difficult to secure, so do not delay writing for your reservation today.

EASTERN MEETING FOR NATIONAL MEMBERS

Since the 1940 February convention is to be held in St. Louis, the eastern states have accepted the invitation of the New Jersey Association of School Secretaries to meet with them at the Hotel Traymore in Atlantic City over the Armistice Day weekend. Many of our members in the east were unable to attend our highly successful Cleveland meeting last year because of the distance involved and this will give them an opportunity to get together. The members of the New Jersey Association, who will act as hostesses to the National members from neighboring states, have



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Saturday morning will be given over to a business meeting for National members. The annual business meeting and election of officers of the New Jersey Association will be held at two o'clock that afternoon, and at three o'clock Gladys E. Poole of the Trenton State Teachers College will address the group on "School Secretaries—Who Are They?" This will be followed by a discussion from the floor. At four-thirty the New Jersey Bookmen's Club is holding a tea in honor of the secretaries and at eight-thirty a social hour is planned.

The annual luncheon will be held in the Belvedere Room of the Traymore at twelve-thirty on Sunday. Greetings will be extended by Dr. William L. Fidler, President of the New Jersey State Teachers' Association; Louise H. Henderson, President of the N. A. S. S.; Dr. A. L. Threlkeld, President of the New Jersey Department of Superintendence; and Mr. Wilbur Zimmerman, President of the New Jersey Federation of

District Boards of Education. The speaker, who is considered an outstanding authority on problems relating to school personnel, will be Dr. Willard S. Elsbree of Teachers College, Columbia.

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Twin Virtues

The great philosopher John Locke is quoted as saying, "A sound mind in a sound body is a short but full description of a happy state in this world; he that has these two has little else to wish for, but he that lack either of them will be little the better for anything else."

This might be paraphrased as a description of the ideal secretary, if "discretion and loyalty" were substituted for "A sound mind in a sound body." Certainly "he that lacks these two will be little the better for anything else."

Discretion and loyalty are so closely allied that they might be designated twin virtues of a secretary. Loyalty is an objective quality—one may not be loyal except to some person or ideal; discretion is a quality within an individual. Loyalty to a person or to a principle is quite likely to breed discretion, but it is possible to be loyal to a person and to be quite indiscreet in the expression of that loyalty.

Loyalty is so indispensable an element in the relationship between a secretary and the administrator whose representative she is, that its lack will nullify a host of other good qualities; so fundamental is it that no self-respecting secretary will continue to serve an administrator whose personal qualities of square-dealing, personal honesty, and rectitude, does not earn her active loyalty. To compel one's self to work in an atmosphere of distrust or antagonism is stultifying to one's soul.

Loyalty does not consist in saying "yes." The loyal secretary may at times find it necessary to criticize some of the policies or procedures of the administrator; in such cases, loyalty would dictate that the criticism be made directly to the administrator and not to others; it is also befitting and commendable that the criticism be constructive rather than merely negative. Loyalty may sometimes say "no" emphatically.

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You may perhaps feel that I sound over-optimistic. You may say, "What about the danger of communism or the danger of fascism?" Truthfully, my answer is that the best way to fight any "ism" or anything which is un-American is not to fear it nor to grumble against it, but rather to emphasize the things which we have and which we would have to give up if we adopted any other system or tried to copy the customs of any other country. Of course, there is much we must learn—we do not hold a copyright on all that is fine or intelligent or useful, but basically, we have the foundation without which no great and permanent structure nationally can be built.



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I would urge you never to relax in your efforts to remind all those around you that to be an American, to be in America, and there to be able to live with the dignity of a human being is the ideal of a vast number of people who live outside, as well as within our shores.

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We tried to contact Grace Holt, our Arizona State Chairman as we passed thru Phoenix. We were sorry not to reach her but delighted to know that she was enjoying a cruise to Alaska.

Miss Henderson and Miss Bounds enjoyed a delightful cruise on the Dixie from New Orleans to New York while I continued my journey by train visiting Atlanta, Chattanooga and Washington.

We would like to express appreciation to the secretaries, administrators and board members who greeted us so cordially and entertained us so royally when we visited their cities.

Although our visit in San Antonio was but one day, we shall always remember their hospitality. With San Antonio Taxi drivers on strike, we were met on Thursday, July 20, at 2 a.m. by Mina Burnett, Nita Pearce, Alene Johnson and Lucille Hill who drove us to the Gunter Hotel where we enjoyed a palatial suite. Thank you, Mr. Artie Compton, Manager of the Gunter Hotel. Yes, indeed, many local secretaries together with Dr. and Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Lewis, San Antonio Board member assembled in this suite for an informal reception that evening after a delightful dinner at the Gunter Hotel and before supper at the Mexican Village. We can't leave San Antonio without telling Mina Burnett that we enjoyed the breakfast at her apartment which, with time out for sightseeing was followed by a delightful luncheon at St. Anthony's Hotel, where we were guests of the Hills of the Alamo Printing company.

We boarded the train for New Orleans Friday, July 21, 2:45 a.m. and arrived at Hotel Roosevelt, New Orleans, at 6 p.m. the same day. No time was lost in visiting the famous eating places, seeing the night life of New Orleans and visiting the famous French Quarters because Miss Henderson and Miss Bounds were sailing on the Dixie for New York on Saturday, July 22.

With Miss Henderson and Miss Bounds cruising to New York, I remained in New Orleans two extra days where with Peg Talbott and Anne Wood of the New Jersey teachers group we visited the French Quarters under the expert guide service of Adele Kansas Gordon with the able assistance of Ira Frick and Harriet Murtz, officers of the New Orleans Secretaries Association. The delightful experience was terminated with a tea at the Patio Royale, the site of the secretaries luncheon of the National Association of School Secretaries in February, 1937.

I had met Sara Milner, President of the Atlanta Secretaries in San Fran-

cisco. Altho, Sara was not in Atlanta when I arrived, I was cared for by Mildred Hutcheson, Georgia State Chairman and Louise McCoy, Vice-President of the Atlanta Secretaries. These secretaries contacted me at the Henry Grady Hotel. The hospitality of the west and southwest was following thru with me. The cordiality of the secretaries and their friends with Allyn and Bacon as well as Coca Cola together with the sights at Emery University, Rose Bowl and Georgia Tech, Stone Mountain and the cyclorama building in Grant Park would suggest that Atlanta would be an ideal place for southern sectional meeting of the National Association of School Secretaries. My Atlanta visit was terminated with a sumptuous dinner at the Colonade.

The pleasant journey continued and soon I was with Ann Boss and Josephine Love in Chattanooga where it was my pleasure to meet with their respective superiors, Mr. Marshall Clark, Superintendent and Mr. S. E. Nelson, High School Principal. It was gratifying to



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note the splendid cooperation enjoyed by the Chattanooga secretaries. After a delightful luncheon at Millers, Ann Boss and I enjoyed the cable ride to the mountain where we visited the beautiful Rocky Mountain park. I certainly enjoyed my visit in Chattanooga.

In Washington, D. C., I met Catherine Crawley, President of the school secretaries. She was delighted to know that Sara Milner, President of the Atlanta secretaries was meeting us there. These arrangements provided an opportunity for a closer friendship between the secretaries of Washington and Atlanta. We appreciate the many courtesies extended to us by Catherine Crawley and her sister, Sara. While in Washington, Miss Milner and I were guests at the New Colonial Hotel. Thank you Mr. Robert D. Blackstone. We were delighted to have Marion Hankey, former Minnesota State Chairman, now with the Wage and Hour Division of the Federal Government, call. Also, while there it was a real pleasure to have a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Jolly Haycraft. You will all remember Mrs. Haycraft as one who contributed much to the National Association in the role of our first Editor. Indeed, before we had a printed publication, she mimeographed and stapled the publication for her fellow secretaries. It is a contribution always to be remembered. Even tho Miss Hankey and Mrs. Haycraft are not actively engaged in school work at present, the National Association of School Secretaries has the continued interest and support of these loyal secretaries. We, in the National Association value your friendship.

We have enjoyed meeting the many school secretaries of the Nation this summer. As this calendar year starts we look forward to another year of Service, of opportunity to share our lives and our experiences with our secretaries.

Margaret V. Kernan

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LITTLE SCA GOT JIMMIE!

The NEA is the biggest convention in the world. The School Clerks Association is just a little organization which has a convention alongside. And maybe you don't think it caused some eyebrow-raising by big NEA when little SCA announced that Jimmie Roosevelt would run up from Los Angeles to speak at an SCA luncheon. Big NEA didn't get any Roosevelts.

From San Francisco News, July 5, SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—Yes, we did get him. Who? Jimmie Roosevelt. Where? As speaker at the luncheon meeting of the National Association of School Secretaries held on July 4 at the Mart Club.

Yes, we are growing up. Our cry is being heard. Every year of our life makes us stronger and as we gain a place for ourselves, recognition follows. With pride we report progress. Of the forty-eight State Educational Journals contacted by members of the Publicity Committee in October, 1938, and Janu-

ary, 1939, thirty replies were received. Many of the editors included publicity items relating to the National Association of School Secretaries. Others expressed willingness to do so another year. Of the twelve editors of National Journals or Magazines contacted last fall, seven contributed publicity articles concerning the activities of our association.

We cannot thank too heartily the members of the Publicity Committee for their cooperation and service during the past year. To the press—both in the Capitol City and the Convention Cities, for the generous space accorded our association from time to time our grateful appreciation is extended.

Publicity speaks for itself. We cannot always furnish a Roosevelt scoop, but we can report effectively material expressing confidence and enthusiasm of our splendid activities, which in themselves proclaim our continued growth.

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DO I GET ANY MORE THAN I AM GOING TO GET?

The following is a letter received not long ago in the War Department. You probably won't believe it but it's an exact copy.

"Adjiten General of the Army
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Dear Adjitent General, sir:-

"My husband was induced into the surface eightene months ago and I ain't received no pay since he was gone. Please send me my elopement as I have a four month's old baby and he is my only support and I kneed every day to buy food and keep us in clothes. I am a poor woman and all I have is gone. Both sides of my parents are very old and I cant expect anything from them as my mother has been in bed for thirteen years with one doctor and she won't take another. Do I get any more then I am going to get? Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband made an application for a wife and child and please send me a wife's form to fill out.

I have already written to the President and got no answer and if I dont here from you I will write Uncle Sam about you and him.

"Yours very truly,

Mrs. Peter Ricketts

"P. S. I am told that my husband sets in the YMCA every night with the plano playing in his uniform. I think you will find him there."

Overheard at the first meeting of newly-elected officials in a nearby town: "Let us," said an alderman, "put our heads together and make a concrete road."

Caller: "Well, well, well, so your name is Janie and you're five years old. And what do you plan to do when you get as big as your mother?"

Jane: "Diet."

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